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Air Power
Quote of the Week

“Victory smiles upon those who anticipate the changes in the character of war.”

—Gen. Giulio Douhet

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47th Support Group gets new commander



Photo by Dave Niebergall

(Left) Col. Rick Rosborg, 47th Flying Training Wing Commander, passes the 47th Support Group guidon to Col. Victor Hnatiuk during a change-of-command ceremony June 14 at the Fiesta Center.

By Airman Timothy J. Stein

Staff writer

Col. Victor Hnatiuk assumed command of the 47th Support Group from Col. John Betts in a change-of-command ceremony June 14 at the Fiesta Center.

Hnatiuk was selected for the position when Betts was reassigned to Hill Air Force Base, Utah, where he will be the vice wing commander.

Hnatiuk said he takes great pride in knowing he will be leading such an organization in a place he considers like “home.”

“This is my third tour here at Laughlin, being previously assigned as a student pilot and later an instructor pilot,” said Hnatiuk. “Laughlin is a super base and community, and it is great to see so many old friends here.”

In a speech made at the ceremony, Col. Rick Rosborg, 47th Flying Training Wing Commander, mentioned Hnatiuk has some big shoes to fill, referring to the departing Betts.

Hnatiuk said one of the things he hopes to accomplish is to keep the 47th Support Group functioning at the high level set by Betts.

“[I also want to] try to do it better, no matter

how small the detail,” said Hnatiuk. “I want to be fully engaged with all our troops and civilians, making sure I know what their requirements are and ensuring they have the right resources to support the pilot training mission.”

Hnatiuk comes to Laughlin from Randolph Air Force Base where he was the 19th Air Force assistant chief of operations and readiness and chief of standardization and evaluation. Prior to that, he served as 80th Operations Group deputy commander at Sheppard Air Force Base. Hnatiuk has attained the rating of command pilot with more than 3,600 flying hours in the T-37, T-38, RF-4 and F-16.

Hnatiuk earned a bachelor’s degree in education from Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J., in 1978. He earned a master’s degree in aeronautical science from Embry Riddle University in Daytona Beach, Fla., in 1995. In 1998 Hnatiuk completed Air War College by correspondence.

Among his awards and decorations are the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster and the Air Force Achievement Medal.

Twenty-nine base captains selected for major promotion

Compiled from staff reports

Twenty-nine Laughlin captains were notified Thursday that they were among the 2,200 Air Force people selected for promotion to the grade of major.

A major’s board, which convened at the Randolph Air Force Base Air Force Personnel Center Feb. 19 through March 1, considered 3,090 captains.



Some officers affected by Stop-Loss were given the opportunity to have their records reviewed by the regularly scheduled May 6 special selection board. This occurred because there was concern that some of those officers may not have understood their options for a promotion board in a Stop-Loss environment, officials said.

Announcement of the in-resi-

dence professional military education candidates associated with these promotion boards is scheduled for June 27.

Base selectees are:

84th Flying Training Squadron

- Kenneth Callahan
- Alan Carver
- Geoffrey Davis
- Karl Frerking
- Edward Garcia
- Mark Jones

- Richard Morgan
- Jason Smith

85th Flying Training Squadron

- Wade Buxton
- Scott Daigle
- Michael Jason
- Robert Roe
- Conrad Stegeman
- Stephen Torres

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By Lt. Col. Cheryl Thompson

47th Flying Training Wing judge advocate general

Washington's leadership similar to ours

One of my favorite quotes is from the pen of George Washington. "Discipline is the soul of an army. It makes small numbers formidable; procures success to the weak, and esteem to all..." These words provide a clear and forceful explanation of why it is so important for commanders and supervisors to maintain good order and, of course, discipline, within their units.

The quote comes from a letter Washington wrote to his regimental officers in 1757 when he was a colonel commanding the Virginia militia. That letter reveals much about the kind of commander he was, and it lays out amazing parallels between his day and ours. Here are some of Washington's thoughts.

The letter starts with a mission

statement, "Gentlemen: The principal end proposed in sending you to the post to which you are ordered is to protect the inhabitants of those posts, and to keep them if possible easy and quiet." Have you seen any mission statements more direct and effective than that? This passage is enlightening because it reveals that mission statements are not simply the product of modern management programs; rather, they are time-tested devices that help focus an organization's efforts.

The rest of the letter could serve as a primer on military leadership and management. Washington was adamant that his troops avoid interfering with private property rights (i.e., horses), unless the "Interest of the Service indispensably requires it..." He stressed that his troops avoid en-

tering into unauthorized treaties and was a stickler for maintaining an accurate paper trail regarding expenditures. The letter laid out how provisions should be distributed and defined who had what authority to issue them. He went on to address proper military appearance and readiness and described how the duty to monitor these areas might be delegated. However, he was quick to point out that delegation was not an excuse to neglect this duty. In other words, he believed in delegation of tasks, but not delegation of overall responsibility.

Colonel Washington specified requirements for regular reporting on manpower, weapons and equipment (he didn't use the terms "metrics" or

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View from the top: Secretary reflects on past year, looks to future

By James Roche

Secretary of the Air Force

One year ago this month, I was sworn in as your 20th secretary of the Air Force and became, on that day, a proud member of a magnificent team of active duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian airmen. During this time, I've had the deep honor and pleasure to serve alongside Gens. Mike Ryan and John Jumper, and our chief master sergeant of the Air Force, Jim Finch. It is impossible to imagine three more dedicated and professional Air Force leaders.

As I reflect on the year gone by, my first thoughts are with the airmen of our force who made the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of our nation and the freedoms we hold dear. Remember them and their families. Their supreme sacrifice, along with

the countless heroes who have gone before them, is why we live free in this great nation.

Each of you should be extremely proud of your achievements and service this past year, from combat operations and homeland defense in the war against international terrorism to your admirable and noble daily endeavors that guarantee the readiness, health, security and morale of our fighting force. In my travels around our Air Force, I've been impressed and humbled by your ingenuity, commitment and willingness to serve. Thank you for everything you've done to make our Air Force the best the world has ever known.

Of utmost importance to me is our continued focus on warfighting, and honing the edge that enables us to remain expeditionary and respon-

sive to the needs of our nation. The American people trust and admire what you do. They know that America's Air Force provides a full spectrum of air and space capabilities that deliver unprecedented firepower, mobility, awareness and deterrence to our joint forces. And, once again, they've witnessed first hand your truly remarkable performance during operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle.

Through your incredible efforts in this campaign, from deploying troops and building bases to coordinating fires and engaging targets, you've again demonstrated the unrivaled skill of airmen. Consider what we've done for just a moment.

In the first eight months of our

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***"Excellence –
not our goal,
but our
standard."***

– 47th FTW motto

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SORTS but the concept was the same). He made it clear that he wanted to be apprised "of all material occurrences in your Quarter." (Sound familiar?) He addressed funding limitations regarding military construction and repairs. Two paragraphs were devoted to military justice procedures, including the need to comply "exactly" with the Articles of War and the rules and customs of the Army.

Another passage is worth quoting because it illustrates his expansive view of military duties and deportment. "You are to use every imaginable precaution to prevent irregular suttlng, licentious swearing, and all other unbecoming irregularities and to neglect no pains or diligence in

training your men (when off duty) to the true use and exercise of their arms; and teaching them in all other respects, the duties of their profession." Apparently, he believed that to be able to teach, one must learn, for, in the "strongest manner" he urged his staff to "devote some part of your leisure hours to the study of your profession, a knowledge in which cannot be attained without application; nor any merit or applause to be achieved without a certain knowledge thereof." He also expected his men to "take proper care of their clothes and accoutrements" and to be "vastly careful in making [their men] appear always neat and clean, and soldier-like, especially when they are upon Duty." He was a stickler for proper military

customs and courtesies. He wrote "I recommend it to you, likewise, and in the strongest terms, that you and the officers under your command, do make yourselves the master of the necessary salutes."

I took away two main lessons from this letter. First, George Washington paid great attention to detail, yet always kept his eye on the big picture — the welfare of his troops, his organization's mission, and the ultimate purpose of the military. Second, despite our living in a world dramatically different from his, the essentials of an effective military force remain the same — protecting people and property with a disciplined, ready and well-trained force, operating under the rule of law. Some lessons are simply timeless.

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war on terrorism, we flew more than 35,000 sorties, employing 78 percent of the total munitions used and damaging or destroying nearly three-quarters of the coalition targets. Our tanker force flew more than 10,000 refueling missions, supporting aircraft from all services.

Our intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance assets, manned and unmanned, have flown more than 2,000 missions and, when combined with our indispensable space systems, delivered unprecedented battlefield awareness as well as a vision of the exciting future in this evolving mission area. Our heavy-lifters (cargo aircraft) delivered more than 2.5 million humanitarian daily rations to the people of Afghanistan. Our combat support units have occupied, established, or rebuilt bases throughout Southwest and Central Asia.

And we accomplished all this despite the challenge of waging a combined campaign in a landlocked nation.

Through your efforts, you confirmed to our nation and the world the unmatched value, flexibility and promise of air and space power.

While we've achieved many of our objectives, there remains much work to be done. The fight continues, with many of you going into harm's way daily. Our ongoing missions and your unrelenting sacrifices testify to your commitment to eradicate this threat to our nation and freedom-loving people everywhere. Most important, we need to prepare and resolve ourselves to see this through to the finish, regardless of where the fight takes us.

Many of you are deployed around the world at

remote and inhospitable settings, spending extended time away from your families. Many more are scheduled to deploy in the months ahead. Some of you no longer are benefiting from the air and space expeditionary force schedule and are facing more frequent deployments. We've asked many of you to put in long hours well beyond your normal schedules and we've stretched our force to cover expanded missions in new locations. Many of our people are affected by Stop-Loss.

As I look to the journey ahead, I'm excited at the opportunities we have to serve our nation as we face the challenges posed by our evolving security environment. I look forward to continuing that journey with you.

I remain focused on developing new strategies for air and space power in this new millennium; delivering innovative and effective capabilities to the warfighters; improving Air Force retention, professional education and leadership development; eliminating the inefficiencies in how we do our business; and transforming our acquisition processes to ensure innovation and competitive vibrancy within our defense industrial base.

Most important, I want to ensure we care for our people and their families through these challenging times. Communication, engaged leadership at all levels, and a genuine concern for the value of our people and their daily sacrifices are vital to building and sustaining a motivated and capable force.

Your service and sacrifices the past year have been truly magnificent and have earned the justifiable admiration of our nation and the respect of the world.

Actionline 298-5351

This column is one way to work through problems that haven't been solved through normal channels. By leaving your name and phone number, you are assured of a timely personal reply. It's also very useful in case more information is needed in order to pursue your inquiry. If you give your name, we will make every attempt to ensure confidentiality when appropriate.

If your question relates to the general interest of the people of Laughlin, the question and answer may also be printed in the Border Eagle.

Before you call the Actionline, please try to work the problem out through the normal chain of command or directly with the base agency involved.

Thanks for your cooperation, and I look forward to reading some quality ideas and suggestions.



Rick Rosborg

Col. Rick Rosborg

47th FTW Commander

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Airmanship

Intended to help all airmen articulate the Air Force's vision of aerospace power

What is versatility?

Versatility means a tool can be used in more than one way. For the Air Force, the tenet of versatility means the ability to conduct parallel operations. Understandably, aerospace forces do some things better than others, but the ability to perform a variety of missions underscores the versatility of aerospace forces.

Teaching careers

A Texas Troops to Teachers Program seminar will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. today in the Family Support Center conference room.

Active-duty military members, spouses, veterans and civilian employees are welcome to attend.

For more information, or if you would like to attend, call 298-5620.

Case lot sale

The Laughlin commissary will hold a Midwest Region Director's case lot sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and Saturday.

For more information, call the commissary at 298-5821.

Applying for federal jobs

An informative seminar teaching the basics of how to apply for a federal job will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesday in the Family Support Center conference room.

R.S.V.P. to 298-5620 by close of business today.

Changes of command

■ Col. Kenneth DesRosier, 47th Medical Group Commander, will relinquish command to Col. Charles Hardin in a change-of-command ceremony at 3 p.m. Monday at Club XL. A reception will be held immediately after the ceremony.

For more information, call Master Sgt. William Arnold at 298-6308.

■ Lt. Col. Bill Hogan will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Francis Brown in a change-of-command ceremony at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday at Club XL. A reception will be held before at 7:30 a.m. and a post reception is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Both of the receptions will also be at Club XL.

For more information, call Capt. Geoff Davis at 298-4775.

■ Lt. Col. Michelle Miller Peck, 47th Contracting Squadron Commander, will relinquish command to Maj. Michael Claffey during a change-of-command ceremony at 9 a.m. July 1 in the Club XL ballroom.

For more information, call 2nd Lt. Shaun Hunt at 298-5495.

Legion meeting

The Del Rio/Laughlin American Legion Post 298 will hold its regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at The Barn across from Laughlin's main gate.

Key topic for this meeting will be the planning

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for the 4th of July Parade and Avenue F renaming ceremony at the Del Rio Civic Center.

For more information, call Murry Kachel at 298-2097.

Diabetes class

A diabetes wellness class is scheduled from 8 a.m. to noon Thursday in the clinic training room. Information will be provided on what diabetes is, treatments for diabetes, the "diabetic" diet, exercise and other management strategies.

For more information, call the Health and Wellness Center at 298-6464.

Cub Scouts event

A Knights of the Round Table camping trip is being organized by the Boy Scouts of America. All first through fifth graders can join the Cub Scouts and are eligible to camp July 6-9.

For more information, call Michelle Smith at 298-2056.

Memorial fund

A memorial fund has been set up in honor of 2nd Lt. Scott Butler who died in a motorcycle accident April 25. Those wishing to donate should specify on the check memo line that the money is intended for the Butler Memorial.

People can donate to one of two funds. They are:

University of Oklahoma Foundation
Attn: Air Force ROTC
171 Felger St.
Craddock Hall
Norman, Okla., 73019

or
Oklahoma School for Science and
Mathematics
1141 N. Lincoln Blvd.
Oklahoma City, Okla., 73104

Honor guard

The Laughlin Honor Guard is looking for motivated airmen and noncommissioned officers to join this elite group of professionals.

For more information or if you are interested in joining, call Staff Sgt. Anthony Williams at 298-5159.

Lost items

The 47th Security Forces Squadron investigations section has had numerous items turned in,

such as keys and jewelry.

If you are missing any type of personal property, call Staff Sgt. Paul Bogumil at 298-5248 with a full description of the missing item.

Thrift Shop manager

The Thrift Shop is in need of a manager. If you have Wednesdays and Fridays free, stop by the base Thrift Shop to apply.

Volunteers are also needed this summer. Anyone who can commit as little as one hour per week is welcome. Drop-in help is also appreciated. Any childcare expenses due to volunteering will be reimbursed.

If interested, come by the Thrift Shop Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., or call Amy King at 298-3731.

Supply points of contact

Base Supply customer service can assist people in many areas including suspected price discrepancies; reporting fraud, waste and abuse incidents; provide technical assistance; and resolve complaints, questions or concerns. They are also the point of contact for controlling required supply action and processing transactions for credit card purchases with the Government Purchase Card. They are also the point of contact to obtain the new Standard Asset Tracking System Smart card.

For more information, call William Centifanti or Claudio Sotelo at 298-4225 or 298-5727.

VI complaints

The visual information contractor is Texas Management Associates. All complaints will should be e-mailed to george.mcknight@laughlin.af.mil.

For more information, call George McKnight at 298-5177.

Form 2220 removal

Base members selling privately owned vehicles must remove DD Form 2220, the primary means of determining entry to the installation in Force Protection Alpha, from the windshield upon selling. This is critical in maintaining positive control of entry to the installation.

For more information call Senior Airman Jerod Williams at 298-5349.

Test pilot schooling

Laughlin pilots wanting to apply for the United States Air Force Test Pilot School must apply to their Military Personal Flight by September 4.

Tops in Blue to play Paul Poag Theatre



The United States Air Force's Tops in Blue is offering a free night of family entertainment at Paul Poag Theatre in Del Rio at 7:30 p.m. July 2.

The 2002 edition of Tops in Blue, Spirit of America, consists of a medley of songs intended to captivate audiences of all generations. This year's team will take you on a 90-minute musical journey across the country on a train called the Spirit of America. From New York

down to Miami and Detroit to Texas, the show includes big-band swing, hot latin sounds, and down home country music, hip-hop, pop and the ever-popular finale featuring "God Bless the U.S.A."

"Tops in Blue is the Air Force's premier entertainment showcase," said Tom Edwards, show producer and chief of Air Force Entertainment. "The new 2002 team is a reflection of the 'best of the best' performers throughout the Air Force."

The Tops in Blue 2002 team will visit more than 100 locations and perform 130 shows in the United States and 20 foreign countries. The official Tops in Blue web site is www.airforcetopsinblue.com and provides information about the 2002 touring schedule and how to join the team.

Sponsors for the tour include AT&T and First Command. For more show information, contact Helen Sykes at 298-5224.

(Courtesy of Tops in Blue)



Photo by Airman Timothy J. Stein

Hot days of summer

Susan Hughes, wife of Staff Sgt. Bob Hughes, 47th Operations Support Squadron air traffic controller, teaches her daughter, Megan, how to swim at the Friendship Pool Tuesday. Temperatures reached 104 degrees Tuesday. Today is the first day of

summer, and while 104 is a normal temperature for this time of year, this summer is predicted to be hotter than usual, said the 47th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight. People are encouraged to think about the weather when planning summer activities.

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in the Air
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Force
recruiter
at
774-0911.*

Water confidence reports now available



Photo by Airman Timothy J. Stein

Airman 1st Class Tiffani Patterson, 47th Flying Training Wing command post controller, drinks from a water fountain at the wing headquarters building Thursday. The latest consumer confidence report states Laughlin water is safe to drink.

Compiled from staff reports

The Laughlin and Amistad Lake water consumer confidence reports are now available.

The CCR is an annual water quality report required of all community water by the Safe Drinking Water Act. The purpose of the CCR is to inform consumers about the source and overall quality of their drinking water.

The Laughlin and Amistad Lake water supplies meet all safe water drinking requirements, except for turbidity. Turbidity is suspended or stirred up particles or sediment found naturally in water. Turbidity has no health effects; however, it can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth.

Del Rio is close to completion on a new filter treatment plant in order

to lower turbidity levels to required standards. However, the Laughlin and Amistad Lake water supply is still safe to drink.

For more information on turbidity, or for a copy of the CCR report, read the Newsline section of the Border Eagle. A Web site will be available in the near future to answer frequently asked questions. This site will also list key points of contact.

Copies of the report have been sent to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission and will be delivered to base housing and dorm residents, as well as the child development center and youth center by July 1. After release, additional copies may also be found at the Book Mark Library.

For more information, call the Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight at 298-6806.

Laughlin second lieutenants promoted in June

Thirty-eight Laughlin second lieutenants were promoted to the rank of first lieutenant in June.

They are:

- Nelson Bennett
- Graham Boutz
- Roger Bushore
- Rudolfo Chavez
- Brian Christensen
- Casey Collier
- Michael Conrad
- Daryl Corneille
- Kevin Cossey
- Christopher Cox

- Matthew Cramer
- Fredrick Dohnke
- Tyson Doran
- John Duke
- Ryan Eddy
- Benjamin Fallin
- Larry Gabe
- Paul Goff
- Charles Hebert
- Alexander Heyman
- Jeremy Hintz
- Andrew Jacob
- Branin Klausman
- Jeffrey Marshall

- Matthew Minkley
- Travis Mullins
- Robert Odom
- Dieppa Pablo
- Mark Pasierb
- Eric Proctor
- Jerry Ridgway
- Michael Sankey
- Jeffrey Smith
- Wesley Stark
- Todd Stinchfield
- Samuel Claire Stitt
- Jody Dan Turk
- Jacob Wilcox

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86th Flying Training Squadron

- William Covert
- Michael Cummings
- Timothy Jung
- Michael Kelly
- Jeffrey Marks
- John Radcliffe
- Doral Sandlin
- Bradley Schaefer
- Peter Vehlow
- Bradley Wensel

87th Flying Training Squadron

- Randy Young

47th Operations Support Squadron

- Kenneth Shugart Jr.
- Charles Simmons

47th Aeromedical Dental Squadron

- John Mileski

47th Medical Operations Squadron

- Susan Black

Thinking about getting out? Think again!
Call the career assistance adviser at 298-5456 for guidance.

Luke wins environmental award

By Staff Sgt. Corey Drury
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

LUKE AIR FORCE BASE, Ariz. – Luke's environmental program was recognized for excellence June 6 when the Environmental Protection Agency presented it with a 2002 Environmental Achievement Award.

Luke, which was the first active Air Force installation to be removed from the Superfund list, was one of 35 western organizations presented an award by Wayne Nastri, U.S. EPA regional administrator, at the fourth annual EPA Region 9 Environmental Awards program in San Francisco.

The Region 9 awards program acknowledges commitment and significant contributions to the environment in California, Arizona, Nevada, Hawaii, Guam and tribal lands. The groups and individuals recognized were selected from more than 100 nominations received this year from businesses, media, local, state and federal government officials, tribes, environmental organizations and citizen activists.

"Getting this award is another great example of how Team Luke's dedication and care for the people and the environment lives on to make things better for the future of Luke and the surrounding community," said Brig. Gen. Steve Sargeant,

56th Fighter Wing commander.

The Luke environmental program is responsible for the installation, auxiliary airfields and a training range. The base itself covers 4,200 acres of land including 2,000 acres of easements. Additional facilities include the Gila Bend Air Force Auxiliary Field encompassing 1,866 acres, Auxiliary Field No. 1 consisting of 1,105 acres, and the Barry M. Goldwater Range with an operational footprint of about 2.7 million acres, of which about one million acres is managed by Luke.

"Luke maintains one of the most effective water conservation programs in the Air Force," said Jeff Rothrock, 56th Civil Engineering Squadron Environmental Flight chief.

For three years, Luke has maintained a reclaimed wastewater reuse permit. This permit has allowed the installation to reuse more than 500,000 gallons of water per day for the purpose of watering of the base golf course. One of the main reasons for construction of the new base golf course is to allow Luke to become a zero discharge base during the summer months by using reclaimed water, according to Mr. Rothrock. Additional uses for reclaimed water include irrigation for base parks and athletic fields.

A lot of solid waste is

generated at Luke and is processed daily to help keep the cost down and help the environment.

The cost of Luke's solid waste program has been reduced by more than a \$1 million over the last two years through profits generated by selling recyclable materials, and through cost avoidance resulting from alternatives to landfill disposal, according to Mr. Rothrock. The base has expanded its recycling program for glass, used motor oil, aircraft tires and plastics. The glass-recycling program at Luke is the first of its kind in the Defense Department. Glass generated at Luke is removed by a contractor, who in-turn, grinds the glass into a material that is used as substitute sand on golf courses, filter material in swimming pools or for landscaping materials on roadways.

It's a compliment to everyone on base who recycles, car pools or rides a bike to work, and thinks about environmental stewardship in the way they go about their work, Mr. Rothrock said.

"This EPA award validates the accomplishments of Team Luke in the environmental business," he said. "It's recognition of a program that not just meets the standards of environmental compliance, but a program that exceeds and sets the benchmark."

If you know of or suspect Fraud, Waste and Abuse, call the FWA hotline at 298-4170.

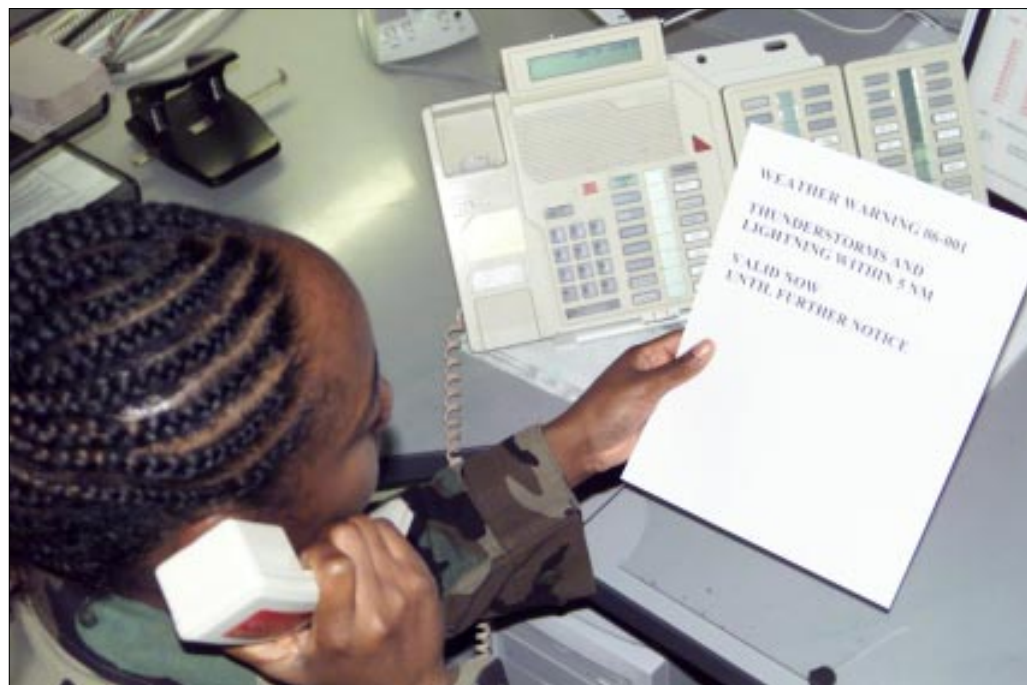


Photo by Senior Airman Brad Pettit

News when you need it

Airman Crystal Hargrove, 47th Flying Training Wing command post controller, updates the automated information hotline at the command post Tuesday. The hotline provides up-to-the-minute information concerning base weather advisories, Force Protection Condition and Information Condition changes, and any other critical information affecting the Laughlin community. Anytime there is a giant voice announcement over the base warning system, the hotline will be updated with the same voice announcement. The number is 298-4412 and information is updated 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Samantha Bogumil at 298-5167.

Officials launch online Gulf War research library

Officials from the Department of Defense, Department of Veterans Affairs and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, an agency of the Department of Health and Human Services, announced the launch of an Internet site June 18 called Medsearch, a central repository of Gulf War-related medical research.

Medsearch can be found on the Internet at <http://www.GulfLINK.osd.mil/medsearch>

“This Web site, a cooperative effort in support of Gulf War veterans and their families, reflects the commitment of all three agencies to learning more about deployment-related illnesses and sharing what we learn,” said Dr. William Winkenwerder Jr., assistant secretary of defense for health affairs.

In July 2001, the DOD, VA and CDC agreed to combine their resources to create this one-stop source of research information. The development team worked with veterans and researchers to ensure that Medsearch was user-friendly.

Developers designed the Web site to serve the needs of both the layperson and the researcher. The site is indexed with plain language topic headings so that anyone can readily locate information. Those headings include topics of particular interest to Gulf War veterans that may not be featured in other sources, such as pesticides and depleted uranium. Scientists who want more specific data will find it on Medsearch as well.

The goal of Medsearch’s creators is to place all the federally funded research into the illnesses of Gulf War veterans in one centralized place. The site will be updated frequently to ensure it contains the most recent and complete information available.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

F-16 accident report released

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany – An accident investigation board determined pilot error caused a 52nd Fighter Wing F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft accident March 20 near Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany.

The pilot of the aircraft, Capt. Luke A. Johnson, was killed when his F-16 crashed in a wooded area about two miles from the runway while on final approach.

The board, led by Col. Erwin Lessel, 86th Airlift Wing commander, said the primary cause of the accident was the pilot’s failure to initiate missed approach procedures as directed by the air traffic controller.

The aircraft was returning from a night tactical-intercept training mission at the time of the accident.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

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Squadron

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Air Force extends deadline for ROTC job applications

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. — The Air Force Officer Accession and Training Schools has extended the application deadline to July 15 for ROTC detachment commander and professor of aerospace studies positions for the 2003-2004 school year.

The deadline was extended to allow interested officers more time to apply, said Brig. Gen. Paul Hankins, AFOATS commander.

Active-duty Air Force line officers in the ranks of lieutenant colonel-select through colonel may apply for commander or professor positions. Rated officers with the rank of lieutenant colonel, with the exception of colonel-selects, are ineligible to apply. All applications from colonels and colonel-selects will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis and released when manning and mission requirements permit, according to AFOATS officials.

"This is a great command job and leadership opportunity for officers who want to be a role model and develop the future officer corps," said Col. Margie Humphrey, AFOATS vice commander.

Complete information and application package requirements for colonels and colonel-selects is located on the colonels assignment Web site at <http://www.dp.hq.af.mil/afslmo/afslmocm/titled>, "2003 AFROTC Assignment Opportunities for Colonels and Colonel-Selects."

Application requirement information for lieutenant colonels is located at <http://afas.afpc.randolph.af.mil>, under "Officer Career Broadening/Special Duty."

These Web sites also include eligibility requirements, a list of projected school vacancies and other general information. Eligible applicants will be rank-ordered by a selection board, tentatively scheduled for August.

For more information, call the Air Force Personnel Center at DSN 665-4455, extension 5065, or call or e-mail Susie Andrews at DSN 487-4180, commercial (210) 652-4180 or e-mail susie.andrews@randolph.af.mil.

For policy and eligibility questions, colonels and colonel-selects should call Maj. Randy Thomsen, DSN 664-8169, commercial (703) 604-8169 or email randall.thomsen@pentagon.af.mil.

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***-- Col. Margie Humphrey,
AFOATS Vice Commander***

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(Left) Tech. Sgt. Rory Fleury, 47th Flying Training Wing command post superintendent, puts an American flag into the fire June 14 during a flag retirement ceremony at the Elk's Lodge in Del Rio as Chief Master Sgt. Stephen Enyeart, 47th FTW command chief master sergeant, carefully prepares the next flag for retirement. The Elk's Lodge, along with the American Legion, retired approximately 45 American flags in the ceremony. Shown above is another flag being retired.

Number of American flags retired from service

By Senior Airman Brad Pettit
Editor

With the Stars and Stripes in his arms, he walks toward the fire. He unfurls the flag and drapes it over a staff carried by his comrade. The heat of the fire, coupled with the scorching temperature of the southwest Texas sun, causes sweat to bead on the comrade's face. His eyes are intense and his lips purse as a swelling crowd watches him lower the American flag into a burning furnace. Flames engulf the flag, brightly illuminating the symbolic cloth and, for a moment, it appears as though Old Glory will survive the inferno. But this is not to be. Soon after, the fire asserts the power given to it by nature, reducing the American flag to a pile of gray ashes.

To many people, this scene conjures up visions of individuals desecrating the American flag or citizens simply exercising their freedom of speech granted by the United States Constitution. But what the American flag in flames does not symbolize, to most people, is an act of patriotism. However, patriotism was the theme June 14 when approximately 45 American flags were burned in a flag retirement ceremony at the Elk's Lodge in Del Rio. Several base people, as well as members of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign

Wars and Elk's Lodge, attended the Flag Day ceremony.

According to the U.S. Flag Code, "The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning."

Murry Kachel, Del Rio/Laughlin American Legion Post 298 commander, said a sense of devout patriotism is what inspired the three Del Rio organizations to hold a retirement ceremony for the second consecutive year.

"We wanted to give a respectful tribute to the retirement of flags once proudly displayed but no longer serviceable," said Kachel. "I would hope that this tradition of interaction between veterans and proper respect to the flag will continue."

Tech. Sgt. Rory Fleury, 47th Flying Training Wing command post superintendent and sergeant-at-arms of the retirement ceremony, clarified a misconception some have regarding the retirement ceremony. "We are not burning a flag," said Fleury. "We are retiring a symbol of America's honor, courage and strength."

The American Legion and Boy Scouts burn thousands of flags every year in retirement cer-

emonies. But scouting groups and veterans' and military organizations are not the only people who can or should retire flags. This privilege, according to the U.S. Flag Code, is granted to every American who wishes to properly honor an American flag, which is no longer serviceable. However, the code states that individuals are encouraged to perform the ceremony discreetly so the act of destruction is not perceived as a protest or desecration.

Fleury, who has been an American Legion member for more than a year, helped organize the retirement

detail for the Flag Day ceremony. His role in the ceremony was to inspect the American flags and determine if they were unserviceable. After he determined the flags were no longer serviceable, he helped retire them into the fire.

"It was incredible," said Fleury of the experience. "You feel your patriotism and honor to the flag. It overwhelms you. You realize how people died for your country and what the flag represents — freedom."

For more information concerning proper flag etiquette and customs, logon to www.usflag.org/us.code36.html#USFC.

"It was incredible. It overwhelms you."
-- Tech. Sgt. Rory Fleury



Photo by Staff Sgt. Sarah Webb-Frost

All systems go!

Staff Sgt. Kervin Cagan, an avionics specialist from the Texas Air National Guard's 147th Fighter Wing in Ellington, performs functional checks to ensure this F-16 Fighting Falcon is mission-ready at a forward-deployed location supporting Operation Enduring Freedom on June 18.

Training the
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Name: Capt. Todd Wright
Squadron: 84th Flying Training Squadron
Pilot Training Base: Resse Air Force Base, Texas
Date of Graduation: Nov. 18, 1994 (Class 95-02)
Aircraft you flew and base you were stationed before Laughlin? C-21A, Peterson AFB, Colo.; and C-5, Dover AFB, Del.



Wright

Mission of your primary aircraft? The mission of the C-21A is priority airlift of personnel and cargo with time-, place- and mission-sensitive requirements. The mission of the C-5 is global reach utilizing the nation's largest strategic airlift asset.

What is the most important thing you learned at pilot training besides learning to fly? The importance and role of a supportive spouse in the achievement of far-reaching goals

What advice would you give SUPT students at Laughlin? Accept the instruction you receive, learn from it, and then understand its application.

Chapel Schedule



Catholic

Saturday 5 p.m., Mass

Sunday ● 9:30 a.m., Mass
● 11 a.m., Little Rock Scripture
Study in Chapel Fellowship Hall

Thursday 6 p.m., Choir

Tuesday- ● 12:05 p.m., Mass

Friday ● 12:05 p.m. and 7 p.m., Holy Days
of Obligation

Reconciliation Before Sunday Mass, Wednesday
from 7 to 9 p.m. and by appointment

Religious Education/

Bible Study 11 a.m. and noon Sunday

Jewish Call Max Stool at 775-4519

Muslim Call Dr. Mostafa Salama at 768-9200

Nondenominational

Friday 7 p.m., Unity in Community Services

Protestant

Sunday 11 a.m., General worship

Wednesday ● 12:30-2:15 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m.,
Women's Bible Study at chapel
● 6 p.m., Choir at chapel

**For more information on chapel events
and services, call 298-5111.**

The *XL*er



Photo by Senior Airman Brad Pettit

Senior Airman Wyll Yabut

47th Medical Operations Squadron medical service journeyman

Hometown: Haslet, Texas

Family: Wife, Lori; son, Christian,
19 months

Time at Laughlin: 3 years, 9 months

Time in service: 4 years, 5 months

Greatest accomplishment:
My family

Hobbies: Basketball

Bad habit: Procrastinating

**If you could spend one hour with any
person, who would it be and why?** My
grandmother. I never got a chance to tell
her how thankful I am for everything she's
done for me.



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Not busy? Take a brake clinic



Photo by 1st Lt. Paula Kurtz

Ronnie Hill, auto skills development center assistant manager, removes a brake rotor during the front-brake clinic Saturday.

By 1st Lt. Paula Kurtz Public Affairs chief

Every now and then, I'm blindsided by the urge to tackle a new challenge. And for some unknown reason, it's usually in an area where I've shown absolutely no aptitude whatsoever. I can only believe my underlying thought process must be, "The bigger the challenge, the bigger the success."

At any rate, the compulsion struck recently as I was driving home from work and noticed an advertisement on the base marquee for a free front-brake clinic being held at the Auto Skills Development Center.

Now, I know next to nothing about the inner-workings of mechanical objects, and honestly, I've been fine living with that deficiency for the past 30 years. So why I suddenly became fascinated with the idea of exploring the world of auto mechanics is somewhat of a mystery.

As much as I'd like to say it was the sheer sense of the adventure that captured my imagination, I have to admit, it probably also had something to do with a recent unpleasant experience at a garage, and the knowledge that I'll soon be traveling the 160 miles to San Antonio in a vehicle

that's 10-years-old and has racked up more than 100,000 miles.

After stewing over the idea for a couple of days, I decided to call and sign up. It crossed my mind that a front-brake class probably isn't going to help me if I have a flat tire out on Highway 90, but hey, it's a place to start. It also crossed my mind that I might possibly be the only female to sign up, but I dismissed the idea as I thought of all the women working in nontraditional roles in our military.

Well, lo and behold, I show up for the class on a cloudless, blue Saturday morning, and yes, I'm the only female in the class. Having decided to write a story about this "adventure," I'm sporting both a camera and notebook as we head toward the lift and the "practice" vehicle. As our instructor, Ronnie Hill, starts disassembling the right brake pads and rotor, dutifully explaining the role each little part plays in the overall workings of the sophisticated machine, I start snapping pictures and taking notes. From my six classmates, I get a couple of strange looks...and one request for my notes after class.

After Ronnie finishes his demonstration on the right side, a few class

members get hands-on experience by tearing into the left rotor and brake assembly. The objective is to remove the disc brake rotor, which has become warped due to driving through puddles of standing water, and place it on a "spinning machine" which shaves off a portion of the metal finish, making the rotor flat and smooth once again.

Ronnie is quick to point out that only auto skills center mechanics can use the "spinning machine" because of the exacting specifications on the rotor.

"The specs are very important," said Ronnie, who holds the title of assistant manager at the auto skills development center, but who could easily be called master trainer as well. "You can really mess something up in a hurry if you're not careful."

Once the rotor is finished "spinning," we begin the reassembly, which includes changing the brake pads. It's a dirty, greasy, grimy, gooey job...and I quickly volunteered. (Getting dirty is half the fun after all.) The hodgepodge of pieces goes back together fairly easily, thanks to Ronnie's step-by-step instruction, and before long, the sky-blue '84 Mercury Grand Marquis is ready to roll.

Okay, so maybe it wasn't brain surgery, but I gained a great sense of satisfaction from this challenge. Not only is it very cool to be able to take apart and reassemble a complicated piece of machinery, but the realization that I am capable and self-sufficient in a new way produces a confidence "high."

The Auto Skills Development Center currently offers classes every quarter, in tasks ranging from changing a tire to changing the oil. The next scheduled offering is the Spouse Survival class, in which students will

get hands-on experience working on their own cars. After checking fluid levels and belts for tension, class members will change a tire on their car to become familiar with the equipment unique to their vehicle.

"These days, knowing how to change a tire can be a life-saving thing," said Bill Morris, auto skills development center manager. "Used to be, a trucker would stop and help someone who had broken down, but you can't depend on that anymore. You need to be able to get off of the highway and protect yourself."

For those weekend mechanics who like to tinker around under the hood, the auto skills center offers four vehicle lifts and 11 stalls for individual use on a first-come, first-served basis. And as Ronnie puts it, his primary duty at the center is helping customers with their projects.

"The most common problem is someone missing a step in the procedure," said Ronnie, who worked 20 years at a major auto dealership before joining the auto skills center in 1998. "It's usually just a matter of helping them go back far enough to find out where they went wrong."

For those who have no desire to get dirty, the center employs two full-time mechanics to perform minor maintenance on vehicles. However, be sure to call ahead for an appointment, as the mechanics handle 25-30 customers per week, and are usually booked a couple of weeks in advance.

My advice: sign up for one of Ronnie's classes, or pick a basic maintenance job to tackle on your own. The mechanics at the auto skills development center are knowledgeable, helpful and friendly and willing to help people at all experience levels with most any problem.

Auto skills hours

Tuesday – Friday:

8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday:

8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday – Monday:

Closed

Phone number:

298-5844

Softball standings

American League

OSS 1	2-1
86th FTS	3-3
LCSAM 1	2-2
87th FTS	2-3
84/85 FTS	1-4
Trendwestern	0-1

National League

CES	4-0
Med Group	3-0
SFS	3-2
LSI	2-1
OSS 2	2-2
CCS	1-3
LCSAM 2	0-3

Scores for June 13

CES 4 - 87th 12
LCSAM1 16 -
84/86 FTS 9
86th 18 - CSS 7



Sportslines

Volleyball spots available

All active-duty men and women interested in competing for a spot on the Air Force men's and women's volleyball teams must submit Air Force Form 303 to the XL Fitness Center by July 8. Forms are available at the fitness center.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Rick Horn at 298-5251 or Tom Kerr at 298-5326.

Summer swimming available

The Friendship Pool is open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Cost to swim is \$1 for everyone except active-duty military members wishing to do lap swimming.

For more information, call the Friendship Pool at 298-4194.

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Photo by Jim Teet

Watch out, Tiger!

Chief Master Sgt. Stephen Enyeart, 47th Flying Training Wing command chief master sergeant, tries his luck on the practice putting green at Leaning Pines Golf Course during the Health and Wellness Center Men's Health Day June 14. Information on men's health issues and opportunities for leisure activities were provided during the event.

XL Fitness Center hours

Monday – Thursday:

5 a.m. to
midnight

Friday:

5 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday – Sunday:

9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Holidays:

10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Golf standings

Teams	Points won
Comm	30.5
LSI	25.2
87th	25
86th	21
LCSAM	20.5
Med Group	17
OSS	13
CES	11
84/85th	10
SPS	6.5



Supplement use can be fatal

Compiled from staff reports

Recently, a Ft. Hood and III Corps soldier died during physical training from an apparent fatal cardiac event. He was taking a nutritional supplement containing a combination of the herbs Ma Huang and Guarana.

These supplements are marketed as weight loss, performance enhancers or "fat burners." Ma Huang contains Ephedra, a naturally occurring form of the drug Ephedrine. Both Ephedra and Ephedrine are powerful stimulants to the heart, metabolism and central nervous system. Guarana is a naturally occurring caffeine-like substance.

"Both Guarana and Ma Huang, either alone or in combination, can induce fatal heart rhythms under the right conditions," said Dr. (Lt. Col.) Elizabeth Clark, 47th Aeromedical Dental Squad-

ron Commander. "They have been associated with a number of deaths. Ephedra also interferes with the body's temperature regulating mechanism, predisposing users to heat-related injuries."

Clark discourages the use of these supplements, especilay in areas where the weather gets really hot.

"These supplements should absolutely not be used when doing any strenuous activity and/or in elevated heat conditions," said Clark. "This means the majority of the year in the Del Rio/Laughlin community."

Clark added to check with your provider before taking any nutritional supplements and that personnel on flight status are not allowed to consume these products and continue flying.

Additional information on nutritional supplements can be found at www.familydoctor.org.